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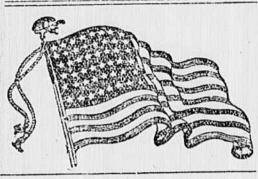
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1919.



If Germany wants to send Bernstorff to Versailles as a peace delegate, that is its privilege. Bernstorff knows the meaning of "Sign here!" as well as any one else Germany could send to the conference. That will about cover the extent of German participation in the conference proceedings.

In this time of strange things we need nct be surprised that a professional musician has developed the best qualities of statesmanship. Under leadership of Paderewski, Poland is the first of the liberated countries to establish itself on an orderly basis. No such instance is recorded in history. We may yet see John Powell return to his native Richmond and make a vast success as City Ad-

Republicans are seriously considering Senator Harding, of Ohio, as their candidate for President in the coming campaign. Senator Harding is a disciple of the Mark Hanna school of politics. He already is urging that this country quit chasing "idealism" and "get back to practical work." There is no mistaking what he means by that. It means a return to the exciting days of the past, when the accepted doctrine in politics was "Money talks."

Uncle Sam's Atlantic battleship fleet is now assembling in Hampton Roads, preparatory to sailing for Guantanamo for winter maneuvers and target practice. As Guantanamo isn't so very far from Mexico, Carranza will be wise to keep on his best behavior during the maneuvers, especially since Washington diplomacy is not entirely satisfied with the attitude of his government American interests in the re toward certain public denied just protection under treaty

Dickens never wrote a more heart-stirring, eye-filling Christmas story than that appearing in the "Stars and Stripes" of January 10. It tells, quite simply, how the Americans in France, from generals to privates, busied themselves Christmas Day seeking French orphans in the desolate villages and heaping on them gifts, ranging from bonds and costly jewelry to dolls and cheap, but precious, strinkets the hoarded francs of the humblest doughboys could contrive. No wonder the French country people adore "the Young American Army.

Wall Street has heard echoes of Billy Sunday's denunciations of the cigarette, and tobacco securities spent several days in a blue funk. Recovery of prices is under way, but that does not prove Wall Street's vision of future events was wrong. The way to constitutional amendments has been opened wide, and if the agitators and reformers take up the movement sericusly, as they are threatening to do, there is no reason to believe that they will not be able to make this a cigaretteless nation, and, perhaps, with the little white rolls, they will succeed in banishing all other forms of the weed. Tobacco is no more securely intrenched than routed from its every stroughold.

Anyway, the so-called "Paris sewing circle" is making progress toward achieving something substantial. It has about evolved m "society of nations" out of the chaos of crude ideas revolving around the age-old dream of a league of nations, which President Wilson has significantly stated "will make it unnecessary in the future to maintain those crushing armaments which make the peoples suffer almost as much in peace. as they suffered in war." That is something worth while. President Wilson may not be able to please Republican Senators at all, but somehow he seems to be making a most favorable impression on the representatives of all the nations taking part in the peace

Territory adjacent to Richmond and contributory to its markets is faring uncommonly well in the process of postwar readjustment. This city keeps its boiler plant as a permanent institution; the great munition-making industry at Hopewell is to be converted into a peace-time chemical and paper pulp factory, thus assuring that city's future, and there is reason to believe that | Camp Lee will be retained by the government as a great military center. Thus, with the exception of the Seven Pines plant, this plained of is to preach true Americanism-to section of Virginia keeps practically all that I have a rebaptism of national ideals, a recon-

it has won in the past few years. And there a secration to the purposes for which we or still is hope that a way will be found to utilize the Seven Pines plant. Now, if Richmond can recover the railroads it has lost, or can connect up its rich contributing territory with a system of all-the-year-round roads, thereby permitting free automobile traffic, it can face the future with cheerful confidence.

The Unemployment Problem

A N amazing conflict of thought and purpose appears to exist with regard to the question of unemployment. On the one hand are statistics published by the Department of Labor to the effect that idleness is on a steady increase, and that as many as 40,000 discharged and jobless soldiers are walking the streets of New York alone. On the other hand, leaders of industry, men like Judge E. H. Gary, of the United States Steel Corporation, and others are assuring the country that the slack in the labor market is being rapidly taken up as business readjusts itself to the business of peace.

Again, one is told that the authorities have been negligent in permitting such wholesale demobilization of our army to proceed without gauging the discharges to the capacity of the country to absorb the man power thus released. Yet, on the other hand, the War Department and Congress are besieged by angry protests on the part of those who clamor for the demobilization to proceed at faster pace.

Between the two extremes this seems a safe assumption: that there is at present a surplus of labor, with consequent unemployment; but there is fair reason to believe that with the opening up of spring activities in the building trades and on the farms of the country, this slack will be taken up. This being the case, the problem seems to be to provide temporary employment for the idle during the interim. The government already has taken steps under such authority as it now possesses to meet this problem, and the way is open for Congress to provide the means for still further relieving the

The Department of Labor has undertaken to organize co-operation between the Federal government and the State governments, whereby public works enterprises in the various States and municipalities can be launched to create a demand for labor. Necessarily, for lack of sufficient funds the efforts in this direction are bound to be limited, and in some of the extreme northern parts of the country weather conditions make the carrying out of this idea practically impossible. Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, has a bill before Congress providing an appropriation of \$100,000,000, to be expended on joint enterprises of the Federal government and the States on projects of this kind, and authorizing an additional fund of \$300,000,-000 from which loans for this kind of work may be made to the State and municipal governments. As between expending this money and facing an acute labor crisis, it would seem to be the part of the wisdom to spend the money.

On the other hand, there is the bill which the Secretary of the Interior has pending before Congress providing a fund of \$100,-000,000 to finance discharged soldiers in the reclamation of arid and waste lands in this country, to the end of establishing for themselves self-supporting farms. This latter scheme is more permanent than the other in the results it promises, and, because there will continue to be large numbers of women in employments as a permanent increment to the labor supply, the proposal of Secretary Lane has much to commend it. Finally, Congress has before it the favorable report of the House Immigration Committee on the bill to exclude all immigration into the United States for a period of four years.

So much for what lies within the power of the government and Congress to do. What can one expect from private industry? Why is it that business men in the richest country in the world, with the markets of the whole world open to them, with a four-year gap in the world's production staring them in the face, are afraid to plunge in and start the wheels of their factories humming? The answer that they are waiting for prices of materials and of labor to drop may sound good to business men, but it doesn't sound logical. Factory owners cannot expect the price of the raw materials they want to drop without the prices of the materials they produce dropping. They cannot expect the ability of the masses to buy their wares to continue if the wages paid to the masses are curtailed. Nor does it sound logical that they desire to wait for the present uncertainty concerning their markets to clear up. There can be no certainty of anything ex cept increasing discouragement if the wheels of industry and of commerce are kept purposely slowed down. Was all the initiative of the American business man used up in the war? That is not believable.

No Cause for Hysteria

ACTION of the Senate on Tuesday in ordering a sweeping investigation of Bolshevik, I. W. W. and other propaganda, alleged to be seeking the overthrow by violence of the American government, while imliquor a few years ago, and that has been | portant in a way, need not be construed as affording occasion for undue public alarm. That there is much confusion in the minds of the people, growing out of the disturbance to the normal life of the country caused by the war and the return to peace, which is being taken advantage of by propagandists of radicalism still further to unsettle the stability of national purposes in government, may be admitted without recognizing in this condition of affairs a growing menace with which democracy is unable to cope success-

In ordering the investigation by unanimons vote, the Senators by that act tacitly admit themselves at sea in the chaos of confusion over problems more or less difficult of solution, and seeing growing evidences of unrest over disturbed conditions in the country's economic life, their nerves have become somewhat impaired, and they are "seeing things." It is all right to get at the true situation in the effort to remedy whatever condition is provocative of the unrest; but, as previously indicated, there is no excuse for becoming hysterical over the existence in this country of various hotbeds of propaganda whose purpose is inimical to the form of government hitherto maintained here in unchailenged security. As Senator Borah very pertinently stated in discussing the resolution ordering the investigation, the way to meet the poisonous propaganda comganized this republic.

It is in a departure from these national ideals, in abandonment of the doctrines of the fathers, in the vain pursuit of national felicity by other means of attainment than prescribed by the original chart, that the growth of Bolshevikism and other dangerous propaganda finds its greatest strength.

That story from Paris that American soldiers supposed to be deserters had organized a crime wave looked fishy from the first. Men are not likely to engage in crime when they are far from home, among people speaking a language they cannot understand and knowing themselves to be easily identified by appearance, manners and speech. Now we begin to get grudging corrections. Probably the general French impression that Americans are especially enterprising and smart and disposed to be reckless of their skins and money led, rather naturally, to the quick conclusion that when anything unusual was being done Americans, if anywhere around, must be in it.

The German government has decided not to feed anybody who will not work. In Russia, the Bolshevik government feeds nobody but those who refuse to work. As long as Germany holds to that notion, there is no great danger of a wave of Bolshevikism permanently overspreading the country.

Senator Swanson's calculation is that under the proposed new road law Virginia would receive from the Federal government for highways \$5,458,000-provided the State and local contributions amounted to a like

Willie Hohenzollern, formerly the little Crown Prince of Germany wants a divorce. One cannot imagine a woman so mentally twisted as not to wish him Godspeed in

Was anybody thoughtful enough to wire W. Hohenzollern on his recent birthday a wish for many happy internes?

SEEN ON THE SIDE BY HENRY EDWARD WARNER

When the buds are in the budding and the streets with slush are flooding, then the women folks go dudding up and down the

shopping street. And we wonder what's the matter as their feet go pitter patter and their tongues go clitter clatter, everywhere they chance to meet!

They are fixing for the season that's approachng, that's the reason, and each living daughter's teazin' for that little greenback thing.

it seems the clothes they're wearing are beyond the least repairing, thus in woman's mind declaring that it's pretty nearly Spring.

All the Winter clothes are ripping and the hooks and eyes are slipping, and the skirts from hem to hipping lean a bit too much to

You can see the elbows thinning, and the collars are beginning to indulge in frazzled sining, growing wilder day by day; And the tailored suit is bagging and incontinently sagging, and the cufts and hems

are ragging to the status of a string-All of which can be translated, as I've previously stated, as a shopping order freighted with the prophecy of Spring!

When the feather on her bonnet has green whiskers on it, and you hear her say "doggone it!" as she tries to make it do. she fears to bend, lest bending she may bring a tragic ending to some part that's not pretending to be anything like new-When this everlasting Girlie goes down shopping late and early, diasgreeable and

surly till she's purchased everything From her stockings to her collar, you can your bottom dollar that the tree-frogs soon will holler, for we're on the verge of Spring!

Charcoal Eph's Daily Thought.

"Hit ain' good fo' a man t' live alone," said Charcoal Eph, in a ruminative mood, "but buhlieve me, Mistah, when he double up he suttinty do make club life difficult! Try a prune, Broth-

Some people are never happy unless they're

Tum Yum!

Hog on de platter, fritters in de pan, Enough good pickin' fo' a hongry man! Prym' in de kitchen, min'i it fine? Po'k chops an scrapple am de grub fo' mine!

Authentically translated from inscription on a cleaf in the original site of Eden: 'Adam, if you don't behave I'm going home

"Aw g'wan, Eve, you ain't got no mother!"

Bookkeeper-An adding machine that sits on

Agriculture.

It's time for the backyard gardener to get

Turn over your ground now, and make compost of slops, old benes, egg shells, suspenders But twenty different kinds of seeds; select prefully those having the prettiest pictures on the envelope.

Scrape the rust off the old wheel hoe and greate the joints with lard. Inventory missing parts. Start fighting with the wife about what's

going to be planted where. You can always get up a row over a little thing like that. Make your same old renolutions about the weeds. They'll come anyhow, so you might as well have your fun.

Begin to brag about what you're going to raise; better get credit in advance, because it won't happen.

Stung. Now that peace has come there are two kinds

of unfortunates going around long-faced: 1. The fellow who got married to escape the

The girl who married for the insurance, and who has news that he is coming home to

When She Smiles.

When she smiles, the very heavens Seem to mirror her pure soul, And the awectest chords colestial To an echo seem to roll: All the birds join softly, sweetly, In a rhapsody of bliss, And the nodding reschud blushes At the touch of Nature's kiss,

When she smiles, all troubles vanish-Perfect peace is everywhere; lafe in one long song of gladness Knowing no discord nor care. Labor, laughing, lifts the burden That one time its laughter crushed, And the wailing and the weeping Of the world by love is hushed,

Health Talks by Dr. Wm. Brady Infection and Immunity.

Acquired immunity, such as one has who recovers from typhoid fever or measles, is merely one phase or stage of infection. Do you know what infection means? It does not mean the currance of germs into the cavity of the nose or throat or stomach or intestine, for we know that a great many healthy persons harbor germs in these cavities or rather on the lining membranes of the cavities, without suffering any disturbance of health. Infection has not occurred until the germs enter the tissues of the body, pencirate through the lining membrane of the nose or throat or elsewhere and take up their abode in the structure of the part. When that has occurred we observe evidences of ill-ness.

when we bought more from Canadians than we sold to them, as we did half a century ago, we were enabled to effect our payments through exports to England. These supplied the basis for sterling exchange, and served to settle our balances with Canada. In more recent years precisely the converse has taken place. We have sold more to the Canadians than we have bought from them. But the Canadians have sent heavy exports to England, and they also have borrowed heavily in England, and it is their credits in England which have enabled them to pay for the goods which they have bought from us.

From South American converted.

Incidentally the great war, which disrupted international trade and all its mechanism, brought unique consequence as regards this phase of dealings between nations.

Although in times of peace the balance of trade between one country and any single other country signifies nothing, and does not effect seriously the flow of specie between them, the case became different under the conditions of the war, and particularly under the conditions which developed after our own entry into the war. The war brought abnormal conditions in other

The war brought abnormal conditions in other ways. The usual machinery for the equalization and settlement of international payments has broken down. The United States, during the period of our neutrality, received great amounts of gold, in payment for extraordinary exports. After our participation in the war, we arranged to end this inflow of gold once for all, and to accept from our allies their promises to be. And yet the previous flow of specie, asignificantly from the first three years of the great war, illustrates the principles with which it seems to be in contrast.

Were we made richer, or more prosperous by this unusual amount of specie? The result was ligher prices, higher wages, higher cost of living, all the phenomens of inflation, all its attendants of feverish speculation. We would have been better off if we had received, not the gold, but the things which we should ordinarily have received in payment for increased exports, namely a heavier volume of imported commodities.

dities.
Under ordinary conditions we would have received very little specie, but much coffee, sugar, spices, weed, tin, jute, sisal; doubtless also more of finished manufactured goods, such as cottons, woodens, linens and silks. It is the abundance of these commodities which signifies true pros-

The influx of gold resulted simply in the heapening of gold; that is, in a general rise of prices. It supplied the basis for an extension of credit which heapsprated the too factors of credit which heapsprated the confidence of prices. miliar conditions of inflation. These were accentuated after our own participation in the war, and they still are stimulated largely by the great fund of specie which has come in before.—Copyright, 1919.

News of Fifty Years Ago (From the Richmond Dispatch, Feb. 6, 1869.)

Late Tuesday night the people of Rocketts and Church Hill were alarmed by an explosion s lond as that caused by the blowing up of the Patrick Henry in 1865. It was caused by the explosion of a boiler at the steam sugar efficiency of Charles Y. Morris. No one was seriously hurt, two men being only considerably arred. Major-General Stoneman and wife left yes-

terday for Washington to attend the wedding of General Comatock with Miss Bettle Blair, daughter of Hon Montgomery Blair. Up to yesterday about \$525,000 had been paid out of the State Treasury in payment of in-terest on the State debt, including the foreign

The Rev. Dr. Bettelheimer, a distinguished rabbi of Philadelphia, arrived in the city yeaterday, and is expected to officiate at one of the synagogues of the city on Saturday.

A very large and brilliant reception was given at the Executive Mansion last night by Governor and Mrs. Wells.

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FROM OTHER VIEWPOINTS

National Problems Discussed for Readers of The Times-Dispatch by Authoritative Writers—A Daily Editorial Feature.

RUSSIA AND THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

BY J. FRED ESSARY, Washington Correspondent of The Times-Disputch, now in Europe.

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From South American countries, and from the Far East, we have bought, year in and year out more than we have so d to them. We have been enabled to pay for the commodities because of our heavy exports to other countries, chiefly, to the Editor of The Times-Pisnatch: Sfr.—West Virginia Legislature, now in session, and the payment is an uncertain as ever. The main newspaper excuse is that the Virginia committee to the European.

The balance of trade between any pair of countries is rarely such as to bring about an equilization of their exports and imports, it is in the grand total of a country's transactions that we find the equalization of imports and country's international trade and all its mechanism, brought unique consequence as regards this phase of dealings between an all its mechanism, brought unique consequence as regards this property of the converse of the writer. Name will use to main and all the credit in the will use the writer. Name will use to make and all the walls in the grand which have enabled the writer. Name will use to make and all the walls and the writer. Name will use to make and stone that they also builtished to the writer. Name will use to make the writer. Name will unite to the writer. Name will united to the writer. Name will united to the writer. Nam

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World to freedom; by the ending of economic exploitation and the conquest of weak peoples. He would place the Mediterranean, the Balkan states, Turkey and Asia Minor under international control.

"Blue Aloes," by Cynthia Stockley

Largest Cities of United States.
Subscriber, Penniman.—The United States Census Bureau's estimate in 1918 of the population of the twelve largest cities of the United States follows: New York, 6,504,185; Chicago, 3,633,957; Philadelphia (city and county), 2,000,021; Detroit, 1,521,942; Cleveland, 1,-125,446; Boston, 828,573; St. Louis, 827,674; Pittsburgh, 722,425; Baltimore, 626,964; Buffalo, 696,384; San Francisco (city and county), 550,333; Milwaukee, 531,011.

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The preparations for the inaugural ball indicate one of the grandest in the history of the country.

President Johnson yesterday directed that a pardon be insued for Dr. Mudd, one of the alleged Lincoln conspirators, now a prisoner at Dry Tortugas.

About 400 applications for the removal of disarilities, mostly from Virginia, are before the Reconstruction Committee.

A gold mine, lately discovered in Forsyth County, N. C., promises well. A company has sent to Now York for machinery to work it.

stitution was perhaps intentionally ex-post. As to the ability of West Vir-ginia to pay there is no question. She

Books and Authors.

Charles Scribner's Sons have recently issued "The Only Possible
Peace" by Ferderic C. Howe, Commissioner of Immigration at the Port of
New York Dr. How sees the European war from an entirely new angle
as a struggle for imperialism of world
states and primarily economic. He
sketches the economic development of
Germany, the colessal banking instituonal letter, a self-addressed, stamped envelope is required. Address The Germany, the colossal banking institutions, the industrial imperalistic classes that have risen to power during the last twenty-five years, and traces the war to the industrial rather than the per cent of 1865 date has no premium value.

No Premium.

M. B. D., Amelia Courthouse—A copper cent of 1865 date has no premium value.

Soldiers' and Sallors' Homesteads.

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Either Form In Cerrect.

J. L. C. South Boston—"Which is the correct word to use in referring to the teaching of the Boishevikis—Boishevikin or Holshevikism?" The words mean identically the same, and the use of either is correct. It is merely a matter of taste as to which form you use.

Three Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Inf.

Mrs. H. A. T., Kenbridge—The Three Hundred and Twenty-ninth Infantry is in the Eighty-third Division, and recently was at Le Mans. France. The Sixty-first Infantry is in the Fifth Division, Army of Occupation, at Eschsur-Alzette. As to whether the companies you mention are still with-the regiments, we are unable to say.

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Poinsettia Flower.
Mrs. J. P. H., Lynchburg.—The poinsettia is a tropical plant of the spurge family, named after Dr. Poinsett, of Charleston, S. C., who introduced it to American horticulture about 1836. It is the gorgeous red foilage of the poinsettia that makes it so popular for decorations during the Christmas season. In the Southern United States the plant blooms in gardens from July to September. In the Northern States the plant blooms in gardens from July to September. In the Northern States the plant is cultivated chierly in hothouses. It should be planted in warm ween.her, about the first of May.

French Court at Versuilles.
Student, Richmond,—Louis XIV. of France established elaborate forms of eliquette in his court and made him-salf-almost an object of worship. Fea-

The Cup,
I cannot die who drinks delight
From the cup of the crescent moon,
And hungrily, as men eat bread,
Loved the scented nights of June.

The rest may die-but in there not The rest may die—but in there not Some shining, strange escape for me. Who found in beauty the bright wine Of immortality?

—Sara Teasdale in "Anthology of Margarine Versa for 1918" (Small.

Magazine Verse for 1918" Maynard).